

REMARKS

The first paragraph of the specification has been amended (i) to replace the section heading "Related Application" with "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.77(b) and M.P.E.P. § 608.01(a) and (ii) to include the priority history of the present application.

Claims 1-123 have been cancelled and newly added claims 124-129 are pending. These claims are directed to certain amino alcohol intermediates described in the application. In particular, support for the general formula for the amino alcohol can be found, *inter alia*, on page 15. Support for the recitation of P¹ and P² can be found, *inter alia*, on page 13, lines 16-19, (page 12, lines 6-9 describe amino protecting groups); support for the recitation of R² can be found, *inter alia*, on page, 4, lines 25-30 and page 6, lines 15-20; support for the halogen substitution on an aralkyl can be found, *inter alia*, on page 8, lines 8-14 (see aryl) and page 8, lines 15-18 (see aralkyl); support for fluorine as the halogen substituent can be found, *inter alia*, on page 11, lines 5-6; and support for the general and preferred recitations of R³ can be found, *inter alia*, in the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 and on page 6, lines 21-24, respectively.

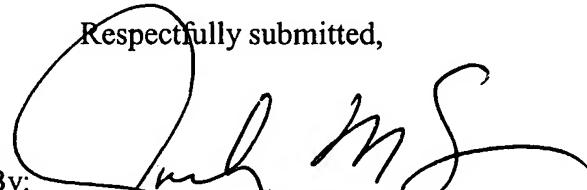
Prompt and favorable examination on the merits of pending claims 124-129 is respectfully solicited.

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